

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Department of Natural Resources

Room 3710

July 12, 2005

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
HEYREND, Tim – Division of Water Resources
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
KAPPE, Karl – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks and Recreation
CLARK, Robert – DEQ/Division of Air Quality
SULLIVAN, Lenore – Division of Wildlife Resources
WILDE, Kenneth – DEQ/Division of Drinking Water
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pamela – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
CHRISTY, Kim – School & Institutional Trust Lands

Others Present:

FROST, Kim – Department of Natural Resources
WRIGHT, Carolyn – GOPB/Public Lands Policy Group
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management
COTTAM, Brian – GOPB/Public Lands (speaker phone)
HANSEN, Michael – GOPB/Public Lands

Kimm Harty called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Election

Corrections to the minutes:

Bill Schlotthauer made a motion to approve the June 14, 2005 minutes. Karl Kappe seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with a few minor changes from Bill Schlotthauer.

II. Special Presentations/Discussions

Brian Cottam, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, Changes Within RDCC

Creation of a website tool for all state and county projects, planning and comment coordination. Brian Cottam handed out an announcement to communities around the state regarding the County Planning Tool Kit and the Critical Lands Tool Kit.

The following items were discussed.

- Improve RDCC attendance and encourage cabinet level advisory role.
- Include urban state and local project planning and comment coordination efforts.
- Using a website as a clearinghouse for comment coordination.
- Memorandums of Understanding between state agencies may require reevaluation and possible revision.
- Time and personnel are required to include Federal Register Notice information on the Project Management Library System.
- An update on RDCC changes may be provided at the next meeting.

Handout of a letter regarding *FY 2006 Local Government Planning Assistance and Incentives* from John F. Bennett, Project Manager, Utah Quality Growth Commission to County

Commissioners, Mayors, City and County Counselors, Planning Commissioners, County and Municipal Staff Members.

A handout entitled *State and Local Planning Section, Summer 2005 Update* included information on the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, LeRay McAllister Fund, Planning Grants, County Resource Management Planning and the Critical Lands Planning Toolkit. A handout regarding the current and proposed process for comment coordination and compilation was provided and discussed.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and Susan Zarekarizi, from State Parks and Recreation, noted an increase in mining, oil and gas applications. There is some interest in oil and gas leasing at Fremont State Park.

Terry Green and Karl Kappe will be retiring soon.

Robert Clark reported that Division of Air Quality is tracking air quality issues related to oil and gas mining operations and VOC issues related to refineries.

Bill Schotthauer reported that the Division of Water Rights (DWRi) website will be tracking and monitoring water right applications via their website beginning next week. Information regarding a particular water right application can be accessed directly on the website and any new documents and updates will be automatically sent to any email addresses entered in the system.

Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) project Environmental Impact Statement has been put on hold indefinitely because the Lincoln County Water District has acquired some water right applications that they will be developing. A new field is proposed in Hamlin Valley near Snake Valley the stateline. They want to use some of SNWA infrastructure. Two separate documents may be necessary. Additional information may be available after further analysis. Meetings will be resumed when a decision is made. The DWRi will continue to analyze any data gaps in the submitted information.

Matthew Higdon, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announced that their website is still down. The Richfield and Price resource management planning (RMP) efforts are having contractual problems. SWCA (contractor) is working on the Vernal RMP. Kim Frost, Public Lands Policy Group, reported that the comment period for the Nevada groundwater project has been extended.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

A handout of the current status of the RDCC Project Management System was provided to the committee.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held on

August 9, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in room 3710.